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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Dien Bien Phu

As the tough gory battle for the tiny French village fortress of Dien Bien Phu reaches a climax, it is necessary to examine the importance of this battle in relation to the Indo-China campaign as a whole and to understand the reasons for the appalling sacrifices both sides have made, in the case of the Vietminh, to conquer the outpost, in the case of the French, to save it at all costs. Dien Bien Phu is, after all, just tiny village in Upper Tonkin. Its intrinsic value as a French garrison in that area gives it some importance, but it has been said that in relation to the military situation as a whole it hardly deserves the attention of half Vietnam General Giap's seven regular divisions. It was originally selected by the French High Command as a fortified camp after it had been decided last November to quit Lai Chau, capital of the Thai country which was then considered untenable.

Militarily, there were several good reasons for picking Dien Bien Phu. It lies on the road leading from Lao Kay on the Chinese border to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. In this position can be a serious problem to the Communist invasion of Northern Laos and it has the added advantage of covering the area north of Luang Prabang.

There are other good reasons for holding the fortress, but for political rather than military reasons. By clinging so desperately to this tiny village surrounded by mountain and jungle, France has shown that it does not want the mountain people of that region to fall under the domination of the Vietminh and this decision has paid the French over and over again for they have received much useful support from the locally-organised anti-rebel resistance groups. As a military and political objective Dien Bien Phu is important to the Vietminh too, for General Giap obviously wishes to strengthen his grasp on the less civilised hill people of North Tonkin before the approach of the monsoons later this month. An indication of General Giap's determination to take the fortress was the invasion of Laos last week which was obviously aimed at diverting French supplies and reinforcements destined for Dien Bien Phu to some other part of the country.

It is impossible to escape the conclusion, however, that the stake in the battle at present is more psychological than political or military. Rightly or wrongly, this tiny fortress has become a symbol of French resistance to the Vietminh. In some minds the outcome of this struggle is even seen as THE crucial battle of the campaign — a turning point for the French, for better or for worse. The danger of this belief is that if Dien Bien Phu falls it will be a shattering blow to Western morale, a psychological shock to France and the Western world out of all proportion to the loss in military potential to the French Union forces. There is also this consideration, too, that with the Geneva conference three weeks off (there is, admittedly, a good deal of wishful thinking in this belief) this might be the last important battle of the campaign, and the prestige of the winner would be considerably enhanced in Indo-China if a cease-fire were agreed upon. This makes the battle all the more a vital concern to the West and it is of the utmost importance for the French to hold out at all costs.

French Forces Win 1st Round Of Dien Bien Phu Battle

REBEL FORCES HURLED BACK Running Short Of Ammunition

Hanoi, Apr. 4. The French High Command tonight announced that French Union forces had won the first round of the battle for Dien Bien Phu and the exhausted Communist armies' pressure on the bastion's key southeastern flank had relaxed.

Eleven times waves of screaming black-clad soldiers of the rebel general Vo Nguyen Giap hurled themselves against the strategic hill in the five-day battle. Eleven times the suicide attacks were knocked out by the grim garrison.

Last night the Dien Bien Phu commander, Colonel Christian de Castries, radioed to Hanoi headquarters: "Vietminh forces attacking Bald Head Hill relaxed pressure in the course of the afternoon under strong counter-attacks."

The 11,000-man garrison manning the Indo-China "Verdun" hurled the Reds successfully back after receiving an undisclosed number of reinforcements yesterday.

"The first round of the battle for Dien Bien Phu is over. The round was clearly in our favour," said a High Command spokesman.

"Within less than two weeks the monsoons will stop ground fighting. Of course we expect them (the Communists) to make one last bid to take the fortress before the rains come. Each day counts," he added.

Scores of Communist countries' military attaches and press reporters assembled at Giap's field headquarters to watch what the Reds expected would be a spectacular Vietminh victory. Command sources disclosed.

Staff officers credited French pilots with a large share for stopping the five-day Red onslaught dead in its tracks. But the palm must go to the outnumbered, multi-lingual garrison of Colonel de Castries.

SHORT OF SHELLS

Sunday was "relatively calm" compared with the previous days. French and Vietminh artillery, however, traded hundreds of shells. But the Vietminh guns failed to keep up the ceaseless pounding of the initial stage of the savage battle and for the first time in a week French Union forces had a certain respite.

The Vietminh gunners, trained by Communist China, apparently are running short of ammunition. French officials explained.

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SUPPLY ROUTE CUT

The 100-mile route over which flow vital supplies for General Vo Nguyen Giap's forces has been cut at a number of points by intensive bombing, especially around the strategic crossroads point of Tuan Giao, 30 miles northeast of Dien Bien Phu, the military spokesman said.



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NAGUIB MAY RESIGN

Cairo, Apr. 4. Some Egyptian political circles here considered that the resignation of President Mohammed Naguib might be announced tomorrow as a result of the Revolutionary Council meeting being held in Cairo to night.

Presiding over the meeting will be Lieut-Col Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Vice-Premier, who earlier today had spent 60 minutes talking to General Naguib, who has not left home for several days.

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Clashes elsewhere on the defence perimeter were termed "sporadic".

Vietminh forces thrusting into the sleepy kingdom of Cambodia, 500 miles to the south of Dien Bien Phu, were reported checked outside the town of Slempong.

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The situation in the Vouen Sal sector was "confused", military observers said, although the Reds had apparently decided not to occupy the town but to push on deeper into Cambodia.

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Mrs Jagan Arrested

Georgetown, Apr. 5. Mrs Janet Jagan, wife of the deposed Premier of British Guiana, and eight other members of the People's Progressive Party were arrested today and charged with holding an illegal procession.

The procession was in protest against the arrest of the ex-Premier Dr Cheddi Jagan, yesterday, on a charge of defying an order forbidding him to leave Georgetown without permission.

Martin Carter and Roy Westmaas, two of the PPP members arrested today, were released on January 12 after 84 days' detention under the emergency regulations.

The PPP, led by Dr Jagan, was deposed from power last October when it was accused of supporting Communist objectives. — Reuter.

SMUGGLING RING BROKEN UP

Heidelberg, Apr. 4. Current political and military factors in the Indo-China problem are delaying preparation of a final Western brief on the issue for the Geneva conference, diplomatic sources here said today.

The Geneva meeting, due to open on April 20, has two problems before it: a peace settlement for Korea and restoration of peace in Indo-China, where France has now been fighting for seven years.

Western tactics for the

Korean discussions are expected

to be agreed at a meeting of

the 16 United Nations belligerents

and South Korea in New

York shortly. But the brief for the talks on Indo-China

may not be tackled until a week before the conference opens.

This is because the French

Government is anxious to

reach agreement with Vietnam,

biggest of the three Associated

States of Indo-China, on the

independence of the country, and

because it is awaiting the outcome

of the big battle for Dien

Bien Phu.

Agreement between Paris and

Saigon on the independence of

Vietnam within the French

Union would strengthen the

Western hand in the Geneva

negotiations with Communist

China and Vietminh, it is held.

But the outcome of the Franco-

Vietnamese talks is not expected

until Prince Bui Loc, the Vietnamese Prime Minister, returns to the French capital in the middle of April.

According to present plans,

the "Big Three" Western

Foreign Ministers will not meet

until they assemble in Paris

for the Atlantic Pact Council

session on April 23. But diplomatic quarters here believe the three statesmen may arrange to hold a two or three-day conference before the NATO meeting.

They would then be asked to approve draft plans for Geneva, drawn up by officials a week or so earlier.

Blaze Destroys Hotel: Kills 5

Brisbane, Apr. 4. Five men were killed and four men seriously burned when a one-story wooden commercial hotel at Cummabella in Western Queensland was gutted following an explosion today.

Two men died in the flames

when firemen and civilians lost

control of the blaze. Three others

died shortly after being ad-

mitted to hospital.

A special DC-3 chartered

by the State government flew to

Cummabella and took the in-

jured men to hospital.

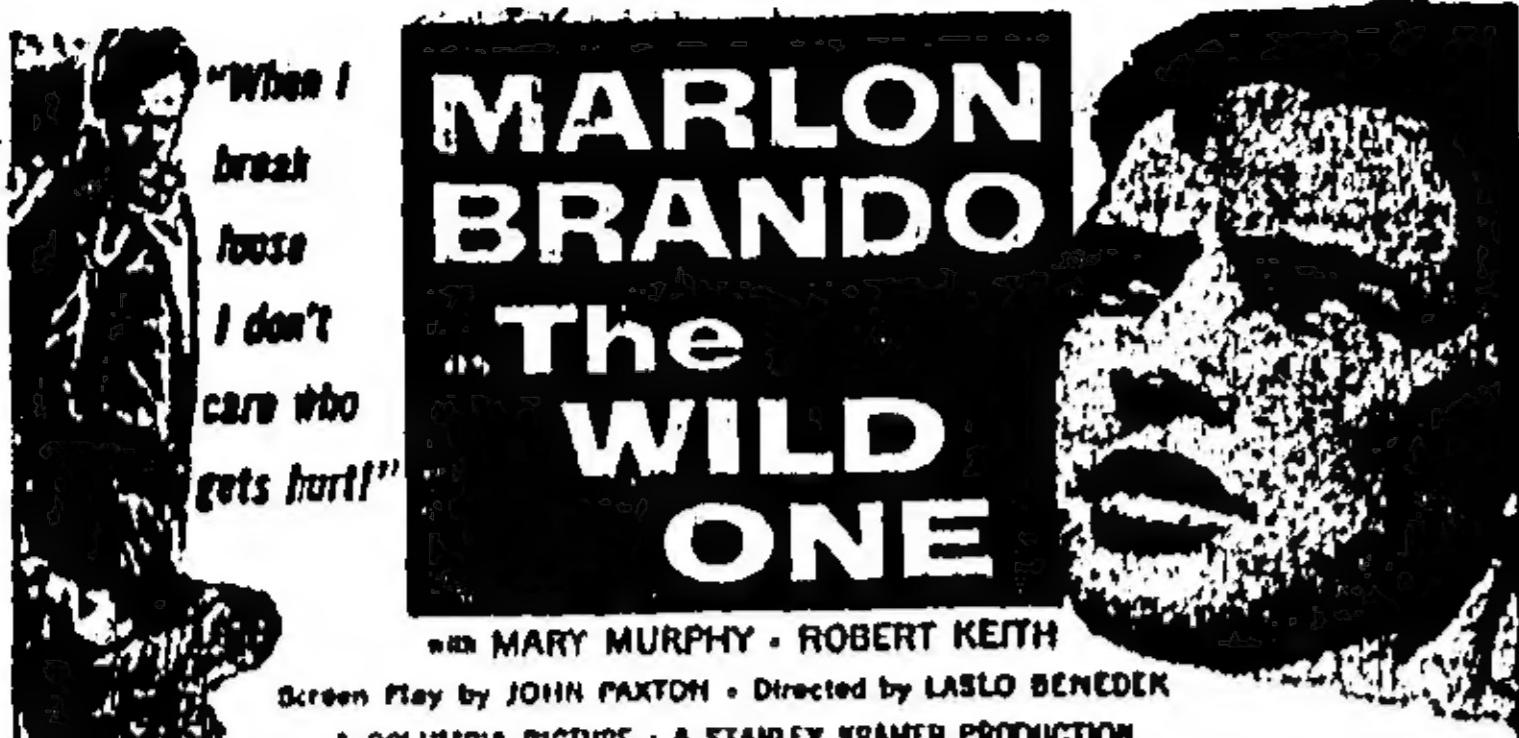
Eisenhower Prepares His H-Bomb Speech

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ATOMIC DISARMAMENT HOPES HIGHER

USSR Accepts West's Appeal To Study Deadlock

Death Penalty Urged For Espionage In US

Washington, Apr. 4. The United States Attorney-General, Mr Herbert Brownell, today recommended that the death penalty be provided for peace-time espionage.

In an annual report to Congress he said that under existing law, espionage in wartime carried the death penalty while in peace-time the maximum punishment is 20 years' imprisonment.

He said he saw no justification for such a distinction. National security was of paramount importance whether in war or peace.—Reuter.

Commission Condemns Israel

Killing Of Three Egyptians

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 4. The Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission today condemned Israel for killing one Egyptian officer, one corporal, and one soldier in a raid across the border into Gaza and Rafah on April 2 and 3.

The armistice commission found Israel guilty of a flagrant violation of the armistice agreement and a planned act of aggression by military or para-military armed Israelis."

The commission called on Israel to prevent recurrence of such aggressions.

In the same meeting, Egypt also accused Israel of kidnapping an Egyptian corporal on April 3, but the armistice commission adopted no resolution on this charge as the chairman abstained.

Official circles made no comment on these incidents, but pointed out that ten days ago an Israeli soldier was killed in the same area, and another was kidnapped by Egyptians.

The kidnapped Israeli is still in Egyptian hands as the Mixed Armistice Commission's decision that Egypt should hand him back to Israel was deferred by a ruling issued last Thursday by United Nations chief of staff, Vagn Bennike.—France-Press.

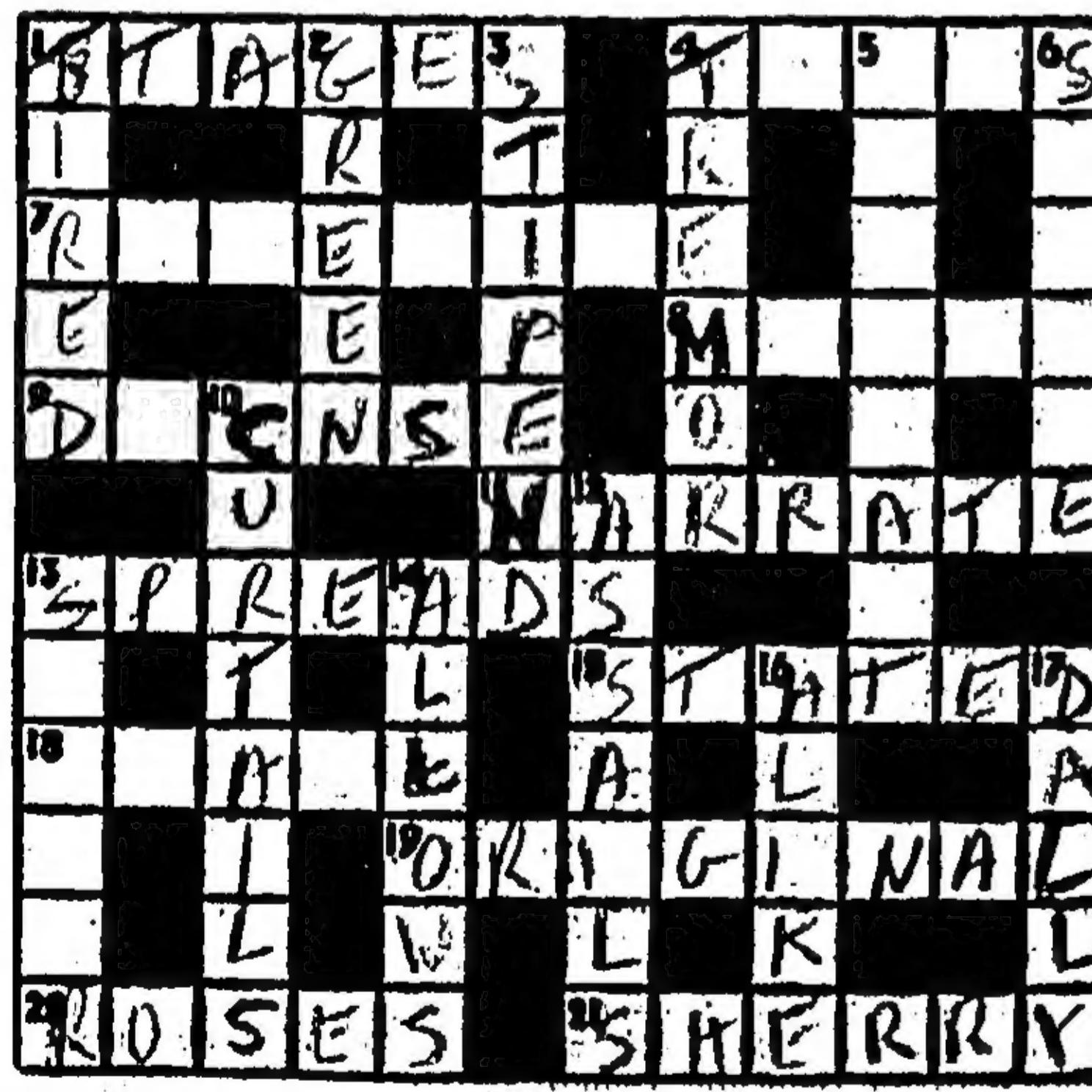
Johannesburg, Apr. 4. The South African Railways employ an engine-driver who probably has the longest name in the Union — Maximilian Raoul Richard Bentinck Bourbon Montpensier Chalouz Frizon Colzeau Kennedy van Dam von Issa de Frison.

His father had the same name, plus "Orange".

Mr de Frison has tried to find the origin of his names but has not succeeded.

"I am not really interested in the probability that I am a member of an aristocratic family," he says.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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SEFTON DELMER, in search of the men behind a new upsurge of Hitlerlike activity in Germany, hears a strange story about a judge and meets the General who commands a Very Secret Service

JOBs for the Gestapo BOYS

Bad Godesberg, Monday.

A JUDGE dealing with a case of alleged espionage by former German S.S. men discovered, in the course of the trial, that key men of the old Gestapo are creeping back into power in Western Germany. It so shook him that he caught the next train from Karlsruhe, where the Federal Court was sitting, to Bonn and asked for guidance from the Ministry of Justice.

Was he praised for his action? He was not.

Instead, it is now being said of him in Bonn that "Old so-and-so" is not the right judge for a case of this kind.

I cannot say I blame those Germans who are frightened of the growing power of the secret camarilla among them.

For it is growing. It came out at the Karlsruhe trial that inquiries had been made not by the Federal Republic's official agencies—neither police nor counter-espionage—but by agents of the unofficial and very secret service led by the top mystery man of Germany today—Major-General Reinhart Gehlen.

Until Germany's capitulation General Gehlen was head of Hitler's anti-Soviet espionage services. He is occupying the same position today unofficially on contract to the American occupation forces in Germany.

Witnesses

JUST to baffle the Judge a bit more it turned out that the four main witnesses for the prosecution—Gehlen men all of them—were S.S. men themselves.

"Perfectly logical to set an S.S. man to catch an S.S. man,"

some would say. "Let's get the most efficient men for the job regardless of the past." On the one assumption I suppose we ought to accept without a qualm that the Gehlen man in charge of this investigation was a former security service chief who had won the highest approval of Hitler for the ruthlessness with which he rounded up the conspirators of the 1944 plot against Hitler.

Well, it had the Judge worried. I will confess, I did not like it very much either. And I still do not like it, not even after running into General Gehlen himself and finding him a most agreeable, clear-headed, very intelligent staff officer in the best Prussian tradition.

He was calling at the office of Dr Hans Globke, Permanent Secretary of State to Chancellor Adenauer, just as I was leaving it and we had a little chat.

Shrewd eyes

DR HANS GLOBKE is a tall, bland man with the smoothest of smooth manners, a pair of very shrewd eyes behind rimless glasses. He is generally held to be the most influential backstage wire-puller in Adenauer's Germany.

He certainly has his fingers in the Gehlen pie. With gravity he told me so himself. "As soon as the treaties are ratified and we are entitled to have a secret espionage service once more," he said, "the general and his organisation will pass officially under the control of the German Government."

"I do not say we shall take his staff over man for man. We shall want to have a say about the staffing. But in principle the Gehlen group will become the official German State organisation."

The doctor smiled mysteriously. "Until then," he said, "we must continue the present camouflage arrangement by which the Gehlen organisation

Misgivings

MANY Germans that I come across who have connections with such things have given me striking instances of this penetration. In the Hamburg branch, for instance, I am told, there are five well-known security service men working.

So I cannot help sharing the misgivings of another German general—who as I mentioned yesterday, was most anxious that I should keep his identity secret for fear of reprisals against him if it came out that he had talked.

This officer believes that Gehlen is using his influence to see that it is the Nazi type of officer who gains control of the new German Army when it is formed, and not the anti-Hitler "traitors" of 1944.

For my part I think the rearming of Germany at this early stage is bound to have this effect whether Gehlen is active or not.

I am confirmed in that view by all I have seen of the incipient rebirth among the Germans of the old terroristic herd discipline, a hush-hush secrecy in which the germs of democratic freedom are already being extinguished even before the new machine is born.

—London Express Service

Colds

Even the slightest cold is to be feared. Do not let it spread! Defeat it from the start by taking 1 or 2 CAFASPIN.

CAFASPIN

BAYER



Holmes scooped away the snow with his bare hands.

Continuing the ADVENTURE of the Abbas Ruby

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

After dinner, in the library of the house of Sir John Doerton, the celebrated horticulturist, guests examine the Abbas Ruby. Andrew Joliffe, the butler, reports that all Sir John's famous camellias have been stolen from the conservatory. When the guests return to the library, the ruby has vanished; Joliffe, a previously convicted jewel thief, hurries to Baker Street, protests his innocence, and begs Sherlock Holmes to clear him. He has overheard Captain Masterman, Lady Doerton's brother, who helped him get the job, say to Sir John: "I blame myself for not telling you his past history." Inspector Gregson arrives at Holmes's rooms with the empty jewel case, which he found under Joliffe's mattress, and arrests the butler.

"Spes ultima genit!" observed Sir John gloomily. "At least, until the next crop."

"Just so. It would interest me to see your conservatory."

We followed our guide along a short passage which, opening from the library, terminated in the glass door of a hot-house. While the famous horticulturist and I waited at the entrance Holmes commenced a slow tour through the warm stifling darkness, the lighted candle which he bore in his hand appearing and disappearing like some great glow-worm amid the

"Watson, if I ever show signs of self-satisfaction, kindly whisper the word 'camellia' in my ear."

A few minutes later, we had alighted again before the portico of Sir John Doerton's mansion. "There is no need to disturb the household," muttered Holmes. "I imagine that this is the gate into the tradesmen's entrance."

My friend led the way swiftly along the path skirting the wall of the house until we found ourselves under a window which I recognised as the one opening from the passage. Then, throwing himself on his knees, he commenced carefully to scoop away the snow with his bare hands. After a few moments, he straightened himself and I saw that he had cleared a large dark patch.

"Let us risk a match, Watson," he chuckled.

I lit one and there, on the black earth exposed by Holmes's burrowing in the snowdrift, lay a little reddish-brown heap of frozen flowers.

"The camellias!" I exclaimed. "My dear fellow, what does this mean?"

My friend's face was very stern as he rose to his feet.

"Villainy, Watson!" said he. "Clever, calculated villainy."

He picked up one of the dead flowers and stood for a while silently contemplating the dark withered petals in the palm of his hand.

"It is as well for Andrew Joliffe that he reached Baker Street before Gregson reached him," he observed thoughtfully.

"Shall I raise the house?"

"Even the man of action, Watson," he replied, with a dry chuckle. "No, my dear fellow, I think that we would be better employed in making our way quietly back to our hansom and then on to the purloins of St James."

In the events of the evening, I had lost all sense of time and it came as something of a shock when, as we wheeled from Piccadilly into St James's Street and stopped before the door of an elegant well-lit house I saw from the clock above Palace Yard that it was not far short of midnight.

"When its neighbours of Clubland go to bed the Nonpareil Club comes into its own," remarked Holmes, ringing the bell. He scribbled a note on his calling card and handing it to the manservant at the door, he led the way into the hall.

AS we followed the servant up a marble staircase to the floor above, I caught a glimpse of lofty and luxurious rooms in which small groups of men, clad in evening dress, were sitting about and reading papers or gathered around rosewood card tables.

Our guide knocked at a door and a moment later we found ourselves in a small, comfortably furnished room hung with sporting prints and smelling strongly of cigar smoke.

A tall, soldierly-looking man with a close-cropped moustache and thick auburn hair who was lounging in a chair before the fireplace made no attempt to rise at our entrance but, whirling Holmes's card between his fingers, surveyed us coldly through a pair of blue eyes that reminded me forcibly of Lady Doerton.

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The Adventure of the Abbas Ruby will be concluded tomorrow

Villainy, Watson! cried Holmes

The NEW exploits of SHERLOCK HOLMES

by ADRIAN CONAN DOYLE

Holmes bowed. "The Abbas Ruby is a sumoous stone, Sir John."

"Ah, the ruby. Yes, yes, of course," replied Sir John Doerton. "Most lamentable. Fortunately, there are buds."

"Your knowledge of flowers will tell you—" He broke off as his wife laid her fingers on his arm.

"As the matter is already in the hands of the police," she said, haughtily, "I do not understand why we should be honoured by this visit from Mr Sherlock Holmes."

"I shall take up very little of your time, Lady Doerton," replied my friend. "A few minutes in your conservatory should suffice."

"WITH what object, sir? What possible connection can there be between my husband's conservatory and the missing jewel?"

"It is that I wish to determine."

Lady Doerton smiled coldly. "In the meantime, the police will have arrested the thief."

"I think not."

"Absurd! The man who fled was a convicted jewel robber. It is obvious."

"Perhaps too obvious, Madam. Does it not strike you that what singular that an ex-convict, though aware that his record was known already to your brother, should steal a famous stone from his own employer and then conveniently condemn himself by secreting the jewel box under his mattress, where even Scotland Yard could be relied upon to search?"

Lady Doerton put a hand to her bosom. "I had not considered the matter in that light," she said.

"Naturally. But, dear me, what a beautiful blossom! I take it that this is the red camellia which you plucked this afternoon?"

"This evening, sir, just before dinner."

"What, then?"

THOUGH the leading artist of our day has immortalised Lady Doerton, I venture to think that no portrait will ever do full justice to this imperious and beautiful woman as we saw her then in a gown of white satin with a single scarlet flower flaming at her bodice and the golden glow of the candles shining on her pale, perfectly chiselled face and drawing sparkles of fire from the diamonds that crowned her rich auburn hair. Her companion advanced on us eagerly.

"Really, Mr. She-lock Holmes, this is most gratifying!" he cried. "That you should face the inclemency of the night in order to fasten upon the perpetrator of this outrage speaks highly for your public spirit, sir! Most highly!"

"We will be guided by circumstances."

The wind had fallen and as we emerged into the

Britain's "Sickness Prone" Worry The Medicos

By LES ARMOUR

And they create, apparently, a dangerous situation. Most of the G.P.'s included in the survey are badly overworked. Doctors are permitted to have a maximum of 3,500 patients. Many of them have that many, not only because there just aren't enough doctors to go around but also because they get paid by the head and most of them need the money. The report suggests that 2,500 or 3,000 should be the legal limit.

These general conclusions come from the Nuffield Foundation's summary of a three-year survey of Britain's general practitioners.

Whether or not the "sickness prone" are a class developed by the welfare state is a matter for debate. But it seems likely that they are more than a little encouraged by the fact that they can go to the doctor as often as they like without ever having a bill slipped into the letter box.

They do his best for the patient who is seriously ill.

It is hard to find a solution to this problem. What seems like a trivial complaint cannot be dismissed out of hand. It may, as the report points out, turn out to be a symptom of a serious illness.

STIFF TALKING TO

Nor is this the problem any ground for wiping the National Health acts off the books. They do, after all, make it possible to spread the country's medical resources evenly among the population. The rich and poor. It is to be remembered, of course, that there are more and more individuals who were rich enough to afford the luxury of seeing the doctor for a time long before socialised

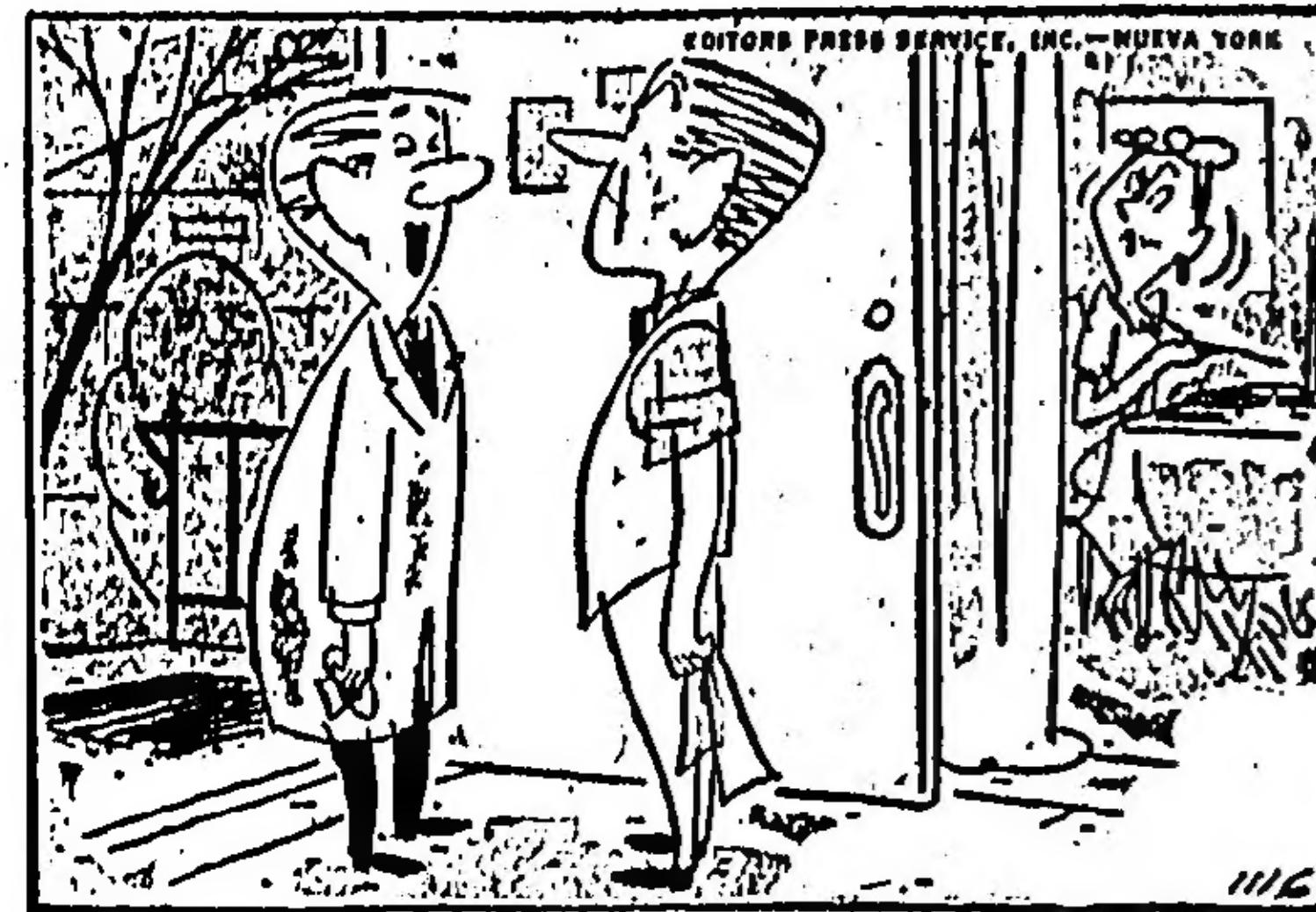
medicine" appeared. And there would be no point in making the privilege of the rich a social sin.

But, as the report points out, the solution may lie in the hands of the doctors themselves.

Dr. Taylor suggests a thorough medical examination for all complainers. This enables reassurance to be given against a sound medical background, while the knowledge that examination is certain to follow complaint acts as a mild deterrent against frivolous groaning.

A "mild deterrent," however, is hardly enough. Why not simply ask the doctors to give the "sickness prone" a stiff talking-to? Few of them, surely, realise just how much damage they may be doing.

For the residue, a psychiatrist is in order.



"I wouldn't bother you at dinner, Charlie, but it's important — I'm hungry."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

CARRY me out in a little basket! By St. Declan, the women who believe anything they are told about "beauty preparations" have had a nasty jerk. An analyst has revealed that they might just as well drink what they are told to bathe in, and bathe in what they are told to drink.

Not long ago, a pitiful hobby was sold a bottle of stuff guaranteed to grow the longest eyelashes in Europe and she claimed it was magic. She discarded her set of false lashes and applied the magic mask for all she was worth (20). At the present time, however, she has given up the givens, and all the men called her Fishface. With my life-soul.

Armitage, F. T.

I THOUGHT it would not be long before the poets of today began to feel in tickle of inspiration from the "List of Hailingshame." I am not quite yet a poet, but I can call "Armitage, F. T." published in a little magazine called "Tenderness and Trends."

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A French version, by Pierre Tom- hole, runs:

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Tck, tck, tck

I HEAR that a studio audience failed to crackle at the word of command the other day. When there were no sounds of hysteria, the viewers thought that what they were looking at was very amusing. Some 750,000 people wrote in to curse the programme. When it was explained to them that it was only owing to a mistake in the cueing that the laughs had not started, they were all happy again. But suppose the team of laughers refused to laugh. Oh, I say, look here!

In passing

IT is announced that the Post Office is losing £4,500,000 this year on the postage which it charges for letters sent in the public post offices. This means that the post offices supply free of charge, out of date directives, pens, leadless pencils, and bags of stamps. Retrieved from dustbins, it is obvious that the price of stamps will have to go up again soon.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, APRIL 5

BORN today, you have a determined will, a restless and volatile nature, personal magnetism, and a force which will make you a leader wherever you turn—whatever your position in life. If you can cultivate your fine qualities and keep your ideals high, then there are little that you desire which you may not accomplish in the normal span of your lifetime. Fame, as well as material wealth, should be yours.

Curb a tendency to complain over trifles. Cultivate more tact especially if you are in a position to deal with others much kindness will make you more beloved.

Follow your intuitions, for as a rule they will lead you in the right direction, while second thoughts

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Listen to the opinion of others today. It is just possible that you might learn something important.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Although the help of friends can be useful at times, never lean upon them too much. Exert your independence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Keep your mind on your work or you could make a serious error which would be difficult to remedy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—If you have a nice idea, cherish it, but keep on with your routine just the same, especially today!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—See where now that mean and success in some cherished project.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be careful today; you are giving instructions. You might be given a hard time and a mistake could be made.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you are courageous and determined, you're bound to succeed today in the time for doing it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Utilise your ingenuity and the talents which the stars gave you to make important progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Plan to open doors, even if it is only for a walk or luncheon; it is this a working day!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you are under obligation to a friend, do not fail to keep it back with an invitation for dinner.

ARQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you are lacking in energy, make a check-up on your health. That may be the reason.

DUMB-BELLS



WHAT'S HER LINE?

Re-arrange the letters of this name—MARGARET JONES—to find her occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Watch For Any Tip At Bridge Table

By OSWALD JACOBY

If a declarer signals with a high card, the declarer usually notices that fact. Strangely enough, however, a signal with a deuce often escapes declarer's notice, even though the information conveyed by the signal is just as important.

In today's hand, given to me by my friend Walter Bryson of Brooklyn, East's deuce of clubs told declarer all he needed to make his contract.

West opened the ten of spades on the theory that declarer was probably a bit light on high cards and that persistent trump leads would reduce declarer's ruffing power. South won with the jack of spades and led the singleton club towards dummy. West naturally hopped up with the king of clubs, and East equally naturally played the deuce of clubs.

West then returned the nine of spades, and South saw a sure way to make his contract. The play of the clubs, and particularly East's play of the deuce, made South sure that West had the ace of clubs. That was all South needed to know.

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CO-ORDINATED cottons for smart and practical sportswear are doing well in the resort clothes world, a nice preview of what we will be wearing come summer. Typical of the offerings is this outfit made up of a sleeveless, banded neckline blouse of pink cotton jersey and Bermuda-style long shorts in a deeper shade of rose pink. The shorts have deep, curved hip pockets, fly front closing and have an adjustable buttoned tab at the waist. The charming jacket is in a pattern printed cotton in shades of pink and rose with a touch of green.

East-West vul.

NORTH

♦ K 7 5 2	31
♦ A 10 7 4	
♦ Q 2	
♦ Q 7 4	

WEST

♦ 10 9 8	48
♦ 6 5	9 8 3 2
♦ A J 9 5	♦ Q 3
♦ A K J 6	♦ 10 9 5 3 2

EAST

♦ A Q J 4	63
♦ K Q 1	
♦ K 10 8 7 4	8

SOUTH (D)

♦ A Q J 4	
♦ K Q 1	
♦ K 10 8 7 4	
♦ 8	

Opening lead—♦ 10

Sportswear Separates



By VERA WINSTON

Recommendations in favour of hobbies have been published many times, but their real importance is seldom appreciated. When a hobby is mentioned, one thinks of Sir Winston Churchill and his oil paints, or the stamp collector across the street, or the fellow who tramps the fields all day looking for butterflies or ferns or watching birds. These are hobbies, and good ones. And there are many others. I know a woman who collects shoes—glass, porcelain, wooden, leather and straw shoes, all miniatures. They cover the shelves and the tables in her living room. Her friends send them to her and she picks up interesting items herself. Another has a similar collection of elephants, ranging from exquisite ivory carvings to funny porcelain versions of Dumbo. A boy becomes an expert in gathering and mounting butterflies. Others build train models; some take to the amateur air waves and become "hams."

WOMANSENSE

THE MANY VIRTUES OF A GOOD HOBBY—

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

WHEN father buys the new baby an electric train or a pair of boxing gloves, everybody laughs. The joke about Junior having no chance to play with a train until his father loses interest in it, is as old as the hills. Yet these apparently foolish acts are indications of a deep-seated need—and an interest in something outside the job. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. As an adult, they may also bring him high blood pressure, emotional frustrations, digestive disturbances and other ills.

SIR WINSTON & OTHERS

What does a hobby do for you, besides keeping you out of mischief in idle moments? It gives you the satisfaction of making something with your hands, and the feeling of accomplishment. As one public health worker expressed it, "When I have been working all day with people, I get a sense of utility; then I turn to my power tools and my fine woods, and I feel a sense of authority and satisfaction." Dr. A. Graeme Mitchell has stressed the importance of producing something in an avocation. A hobby will also give relaxation through a change of occupation from the job and its requirements. It leads to a possible outlet for activity after retirement. But most important is the creative opportunity.

Good hobbies can contribute to better family living, and to making good friends. During the eight years in which our family hobby was a house-trailer we had many happy family holidays which would not have been possible except for the economy made possible by our trailer. Our home movies, too, have contributed to the same end. Many of the young folks whom we invited to share our outings with our children and who appear in our movies, now come to call on us and show us their children. Hus-

HOW HOLLYWOOD STARS STAY GLAMOROUS

A Look Of "Giving" Is Joan Crawford's Beauty Secret

HOLLYWOOD.

Gloria Swanson is 56, Marlene Dietrich 53, and Joan Crawford, Barbara Stanwyck, Ginger Rogers, Loretta Young and Irene Dunne in their 40's.

They are the reigning beauties of Hollywood, still with youthful figures and faces. How do they stay that way?

Diet, they agree, is the most important factor in staying young.

Grandmother Swanson is a grandmother and eats only fresh fruits, vegetables, whole wheat breads and the like. She cooks the vegetables herself in a pressure cooker with little water. At dinner parties, she just toys with the rich, heavy foods.

DIETING AND WALKING

Loretta Young confines herself to lean meats, fruits and vegetables.

"I always skip desserts," she says. "No girl can be ugly with a gorgeous figure, and any girl can have a nice shape if she's willing to work at it."

Loretta walks a great deal for exercise. She uses creams, plus soap and water on her face. Her makeup consists of lipstick, a light dusting of powder and rouge, plus mascara.

Barbara Stanwyck never covers her beautiful complexion with powder. She wears a touch of eye-shadow and lipstick at night and usually no make-up at all day by day. She uses only soap and water on her face, but believes women with dry skins should try creams.

This veteran actress has let her hair go frankly grey. She gets it washed, cut and set at least twice a week at the hairdresser. To women who wall they never would have the time, she says:

Two Best Menus—At Speed

HOW can a married woman with a job turn out a good meal in the short time she has to spare after she gets home?

I asked Jean Metcalfe how she does it, for I know she's a wonderful cook.

Plump, charming, with one of the best-loved voices in radio, she rarely gets home from the B.C.C. much before 6 p.m. But she reckons to turn out a first-class meal every night for herself and her husband, Cliff Michelmore, within half an hour.

I asked her to give me her two best menus, which are both quick and succulent. She tells me there are two essentials you must keep in your kitchen: tomato puree and plenty of good stock. Quantities are for two people.

MENU 1

Risotto and Lettuce
Banana Flambe

The Risotto: Lightly fry some chopped onion, bacon, and mushroom in dripping or oil, add a clove of crushed garlic if you like it, and some skinned tomatoes. Last of all add half a cup of rice and continue to saute for a couple of minutes.

Add half a cup of that good stock and half a cup of tomato puree. Let all cook gently for about 20 minutes until rice is soft and all the liquid absorbed. Stir to prevent sticking as the liquid diminishes.

Serve sprinkled with chopped olives or grated Parmesan and a bowl of chilled dressed lettuce.

The Banana Flambe: Slice bananas lengthwise and lay in a greased, fireproof dish. Melt 1 oz. butter with 1 oz. Barbados sugar, pour over fruit and bake in a hot oven for 20 minutes.

Pour some rum into a warmed spoon and set alight, spooning it over the fruit.

MENU 2

Scallops Mornay
Tangerine Ice Cream

The Scallops: Clean three large scallops and cut into very small pieces. Soak in butter for 8-10 minutes. Cover with milk and cook very gently for 15 minutes. Pour over liquid and thicken to a cream-sauce in the usual way, using a little top of the milk and some dry cider if you can.

Pour into a ring of mashed potatoes. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs or grated Parmesan and brown under the grill.

The Tangerine Ice Cream: Blend 1 lb. tangerine pulp with 1 cup of milk. Cream the pulp and mix with 1 lb. ice cream. Add 1 oz. orange liqueur and 1 oz. rum. Fold in 1 lb. whipped cream. Turn into a shallow dish and freeze.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

An Extraordinary Candy Store

—It Sells Ice Cream Cones that Grow!

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were walking down the street; when they met their friend Mr Merlin, the Magician. He was wearing a chocolate-coloured suit, vanilla-coloured shoes, strawberry-coloured necktie, raspberry-coloured hat, and huckleberry-coloured gloves.

"Good-morning," he said politely, tipping his hat to Hanid.

"Good—morning," returned Knarf and Hanid, looking at the lolly-pop in the window. Even as they looked at it, it seemed to get bigger and bigger. The same thing was happening to a box of gum-drops, while some licorice-laces on the other side grew longer and thicker until they began to resemble heavy rope.

"Let's go inside," suggested Mr. Merlin.

He Looked Different

Going inside, Knarf and Hanid were puzzled to see that even Mr. Merlin, the candy-store man, somehow looked different from the way he usually did. He seemed to be shorter and fatter at one moment, and thinner and taller the next.

Knarf and Hanid were surprised, too, on noticing that Mr. Merlin didn't walk up and down, behind the counter and soda fountain, but was riding on a small bicycle.

However, Mr. Merlin smiled and asked Knarf and Hanid what they would like. "Ask for something good," Mr. Merlin whispered to his two friends.

"Look out, Mr. Merlin! I'm going to burst!" shouted Knarf.

"Queerest candy store I ever saw!" said Mr. Merlin.

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Now the candy store that Knarf and Hanid always went to was just around the corner. So around the corner they went until they reached the outside of the candy store. Then they stopped.

"It looks different," said Knarf.

"Yes, there's something

MR GUREVITCH SAYS: LET'S GET SOMEBODY TO JUMP 22 FEET

By "RECODER"

Mr G. B. Gurevitch is a man who committed himself to his biggest miscalculation — and that only yesterday. Only one-eighth of an inch out in nearly 43 feet in all his predictions until yesterday afternoon, he was a little bit dazed himself with his latest effort in turning mediocrites into near-Asian Games Champions at Pokfulam yesterday.

Before anything had even started, Mr Gurevitch came to us and said: "Did I hear you say some time ago that what we need in Hongkong is a 22-foot long jumper?" Nodding sagely—almost aware of the fact that we were only half an inch off one—we replied that we would appreciate one.

Mr Gurevitch replied: "You will see a 22-footer today." The curious part about the story is that we expected someone to clear 22 feet and two or three inches. Mr Gurevitch said: "22 feet!" Both of us were wrong. Mr Gurevitch's latest pupil cleared 21 feet 11½ inches to start off with, to equal the Colony record, then went on to 22 feet 5 inches and then to 22 feet 10¼ inches.

Mr Gurevitch has, for the first time, been completely wrong. He is exactly 6¾ inches out in his calculation, but he has established himself as the man the HKAAC needs to turn mediocrites—in the field events, we already have one in the sprints—into near athletic celebrities.

TWO WEEKS

The fifth paragraph, at least, should be the place to mention the name of the new Colony record-holder in the Long Jump. He is Chue Ming of South China Athletic Association, Novices' Champion and Inter-School Champion. He is Mr Gurevitch's most recent acquisition. If we are not wrong, it took Mr Gurevitch exactly two weeks to get a 22-foot jump out of him.

At Pokfulam yesterday, Chue Ming cleared 22 feet in three of six tries. In actual fact, he cleared 22 feet on each one of his six tries, but his smallest fault was that he did not once overstep the take-off board.

It was a great day at Pokfulam yesterday. The Acting Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club arrived on the scene about 10 minutes after the meeting should have been on in full swing. In the effort of trying to buy six dozen safety pins, he had successfully avoided buying an embroidered Mandarin coat and a pair of sun glasses.

The machine had got working even before his arrival, and it may be unfair to suggest that Father Lawler, the Chairman of the HKAAC, had two more grey hairs before the meeting had ended. Five Colony records were broken and three of these had to be measured around diabolical curves—the University had a way of producing these, but the HKAAC got its own back by demanding an answer off one of the education-motivating staff on a problem that demanded logarithmic tables beside sheet squaring.

MATHEMATICIANS

One thing that must be sold in favour of the Hongkong University Athletic Club, the hosts at the meeting, was that they produced enough assistant track-meeters—plus mathematicians—before a halt was called to the afternoon's proceedings.

The record-breakers are, more often than not, the least important people in any field of athletic endeavour. Yesterday, for instance, we had the HKAAC Pentathlon Champion fall in the best of his events, yet score reasonably in others.

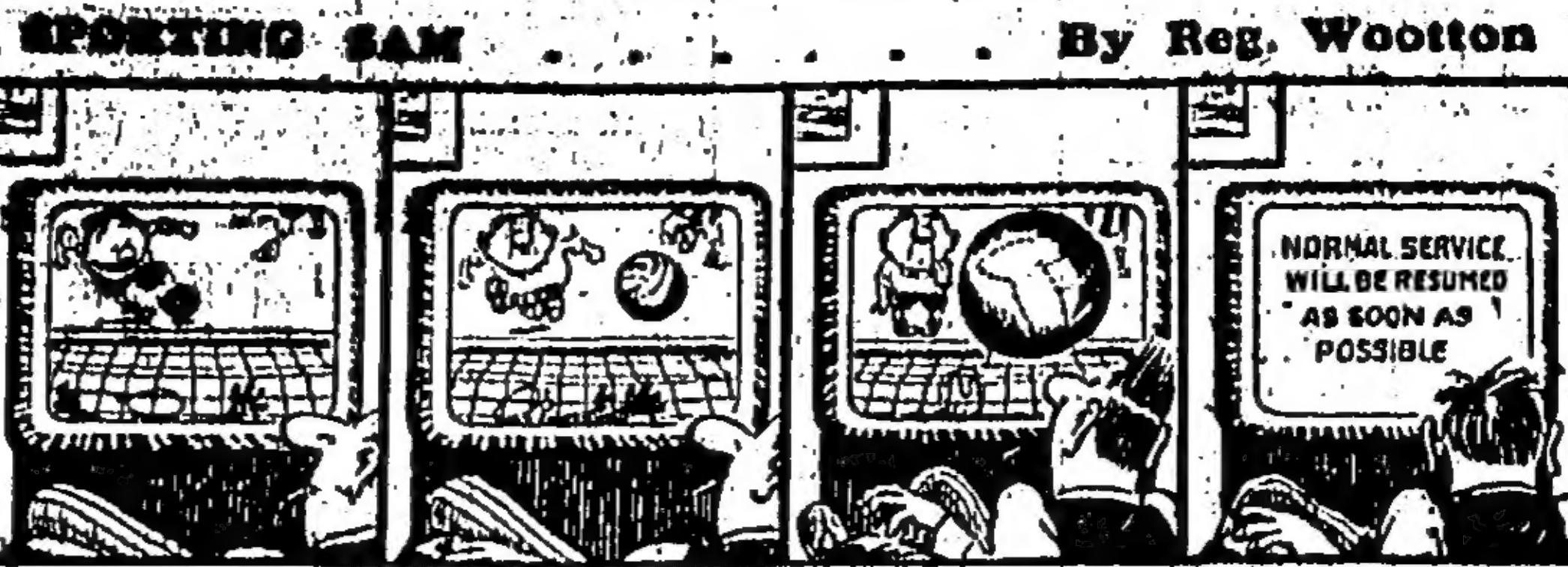
William Aitken Nisbett, best known to his pals in the Royal Air Force (Pingshan), failed most completely in the events he is most accustomed to. Yet he collected more points in the triangular competition for the HKAAC than anyone else.

Nisbett, the HKAAC Pentathlon Champion, turned out as reserve in just about every third event on the programme.



STAR EVENTS

Mr Gurevitch's promise that Hongkong would finally see its first 22-foot long jump since 1941 attracted a large crowd to watch this event and they saw 22 feet cleared three times from the take-off board and another three times from behind it.



HONGKONG 2, MACAO 3

Portuguese Colony Turns Up A Great New Soccer Star In Augusto Rocha

By OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Note the result and make no mistake about it . . . the final verdict went to the team that deserved it more. Macao won because they never gave up trying and because they had a team of eleven fit and willing players who were ready to fight back when things were not going as they would have liked them . . . players who, unlike several on the Hongkong side, were capable of lasting 90 minutes of tough strenuous play . . . players who went out on to the field in front of the biggest football crowd assembled in Macao in many years with but one object in view . . . to win.

This game and many of the circumstances surrounding it must give the HKFA food for thought. Reputations crashed down around some of the Colony's star players and for the crash the local Association is not free from blame.

In this latest team there were players who were physically incapable of giving their best and, in comparison with the fiery, hell-for-leather, bane-cowering representatives of our near neighbours, they were a most insipid and limp lot.

This was a great day for Macao and the pre-match organisation had all the necessary trimmings to make it a memorable one. His Excellency The Governor of Macao, Rear Admiral J. M. Espadrito, headed a brilliant gathering of dignitaries who attended the game and the players on both sides were presented to His Excellency before the kick-off.

Bands played, the crowds cheered and to a tremendous roar the referee's whistle raised the curtain on this drama . . . a drama punctuated with an astonishing calm glided with a smattering of utter farce . . . comedy . . . tension . . . and for Hongkong shameful tragedy.

A NEW STAR

But the game threw up a new star and the soccer community in Hongkong would do well to make a special note of his name for I am certain they are going to hear it often in the future.

At the interval it looked that Hongkong's very shaky side had got its feet on the road to victory but, with only 10 minutes of the second half gone, they lost the lead when in a melee near the 6-yard line Correa crashed the ball behind Granger.

For Hongkong, Granger had no chance with the goals that were scored. Armstrong had a very good game but Wells, up against A. Rocha, suffered through the shocking performance of Tong Sheung in front of him.

Chen Fa-hung and Frazer both gave everything they had, but in the forward line only Reeves and great-hearted little Mok Chun-wah played as they can.

For Macao, Teixeira, apart from his theatrical antics, did some clever things. Ho Sung was the better back and Luis Cunha the star of a hard-working half back line.

Every forward did his part well with the special honours going, of course, to young Augusto Rocha, not only for his vital goals, but also for the general brilliance of his play.

Hongkong's players will want to forget that this game ever took place. Let us face it . . . they have had a series of football matches on this latest occasion they had clearly reached the limit of their soccer potential and . . . also of their physical capacity. Let us have our football . . . but also let us have some sanity . . . players cannot go on at this crazy pace.

THE TEAMS

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The Kowloon series will be decided when the KCC and KBGC meet in the final match. At the moment the positions are:

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

ALL IS OVER BUT THE MVP AWARD

By "SNOOPER"

Chev Tsol's South China went down 7-1 to the Braves yesterday because the Carolines lacked spirit. Pitcher Dick Lau, too, was off form, so that the wide and decisive margin of defeat did not come as a surprise to the handful of spectators who witnessed the only Senior "A" Softball League encounter at King's Park yesterday.

The Rexes, champions of the Senior "B" last season, once again had to concede a walkover to the Chinese Athletic Association when only seven Rexes ballplayers turned out at King's Park for the scheduled game.

The Rexes, who gave the Pindas a walkover in the first round, are on the verge of re-legation, but by conceding a defeat to the CAA yesterday, they have ended the chances of C. M. Tsang and Seldon Ma to overtake Buij Dhabher in the Senior "A" Batting Championship race.

Dhabher, who recorded a two-in-three batting performance against South China yesterday, has annexed the Batting Title hands down. The Chinese Athletic Association and the Braves are tied on points for the runner-up position.

The 1953-54 Softball League Season has virtually come to a close and apart from a couple of postponed games which will likely be played off this weekend, main interest in softball circles is centred on the selection of the softballers for the Most Valuable Player award.

First baseman Chen Ying-wan is easily the Braves' best player and appears to be their only real hope for the MVP award. He made many friends by his sportsmanship, accepting some close calls, and his fielding in a tight game left very little to be desired.

OTHER CONTENDERS

Among other contenders for the title are Pandas' pitcher Jackie Wei and catcher Raymond Tsao, who have played no small part in the promotion of the sport among the Pandas' rookies and the Pandemicites.

Last year shortstop Y. S. Liang was voted the MVP winner to become the second Pandas' softballer to win the award.

Willy Ma, Chairman of the Hongkong Softball Association, was the first Pandas' player to earn the unique distinction of winning the trophy.

Although both Chineso Athletic Association's first baseman C. M. Tsang and third baseman Seldon Ma failed in their bid to win the Batting Championship, this does not impair their chances to be crowned the MVP winner.

Both have played with real confidence in the League games. There can be no denying that Tsang is one of the finest ballplayers in the Colony and at first base I cannot see any player who can match him in anticipation and footwork.

Another CAA player who should have some command in the voting is centre-fielder Showboat Lee Poon-hong.

Nothing Is

Certain

In Soccer

By I. M. MacTavish

At the Club Stadium on Saturday afternoon Mrs Kwok Chin, who presented the Cup to Au Chi-yeung, captain of the Kowloon side, must have been surprised as the little policeman such a ceremony ever took place . . . for with three-quarters of the original game gone the Hongkong side was comfortably and worthily in the lead by three goals to one and it seemed almost certain that it would be Ko Po-keung, captain of the Hongkong side who would collect the trophy.

However, in football nothing is ever certain and an injury to goalkeeper Pau King-yin changed the whole complexion of the game. Chu Wing-keung took up the position between the posts but before he had really got his eye in the score was three goals all.

The game went into extra time and the depleted Hongkong team was overrun by the opponents from across the harbour and three more goals gave Kowloon a 6-3 victory that they had never looked like getting earlier on when the teams were both at full strength.

The goalcoriders were Chan Ming-chin (2), Au Chi-yeung, Lau Kai-chiu, Lee Tai-tai (penalty) and Tong Yee-kit for Kowloon and Chu Wing-keung, Yiu Cheuk-yin and Hau Chung-lo for Hongkong.

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The Bowling Green Club can make sure of winning the series by drawing the last game against the KCC.



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Two Championships Slip Out Of The Grasp Of Recreio's Hockey Teams

Two hockey championships slipped out of Recreio's hands one immediately after another in one black afternoon yesterday.

In the first match their Ladies' XI were held to a goalless draw by the King George V School who retained the Championship for the second year in succession by virtue of their one-point lead over the challengers.

In the second match the Portuguese XI again narrowly failed to wrest the title from the champion Army team despite a spirited effort in the last 12 minutes of the game when, amidst cheers, "Spiky" Gutierrez took them to 3-3 with two quick goals.

Smith, the Army centre-forward, however, brought off the finishing touch for Army with a spectacular last-minute goal that dispelled all Recreio's hopes of salvaging the game.

Gaining possession of the ball after a scramble at the edge of the "D", he flipped it up past the defence, tapped it waist high and half-volleyed it neatly into the net.

Played before an appreciable large crowd, both games produced a bright and exciting hockey of a high standard and all the four participating teams must be highly complimented for a most creditable display of sportsmanship, though some of the umpiring decisions must have been exceptionally trying.

UNFORTUNATE

With all respect to a gallant King George V XI, who fielded one substitute, it must be said that Recreio girls were extremely unfortunate not to have won this match by virtue of a goal scored in the first half.

A good pass by Margie Rozario enabled Stella Correa to send in a hard centre from

the right into the "D". As the ball deflected from one of the defenders' feet, Margie flicked it into the net, but the whistle had gone just that shade too early for the infringement and for the vantage rule to be enforced.

Recreio also enjoyed a slight superiority in the play, particularly in their forward line where they had better stickwork and short-passing moves took them repeatedly into the School "D".

They had at least five perfect scoring chances against their opponents' two during the whole match. Their inability to convert these chances would have enabled them to edge out the soldiers.

There was too much reliance on their three inside-forwards. Both "Spiky" Gutierrez and "Junior" Remedios responded well to the confidence placed in them, but much better results could probably have been obtained had their two wings been more exploited.

THE GOALS

Recreio assumed the offensive from the bully-off, but good work by Petters and Boxall prevented them from scoring. Against the run of play, Army scored in the sixth minute from a fine move by left-half Forde.

A flick to left-wing Teyen saw the latter flip the ball past the Recreio right-half and make his way towards the goal-line. A good back-stick save found an unmarked Smith at the edge of the "D", who easily tapped the ball past the oncoming goalkeeper.

Recreio equalised three minutes later through "Junior" Remedios after an unfortunate miss when a hard drive of his stick had hit the upright. Immediately following this, he snapped a short pass from Marques at the edge of the "D" and flicked the ball into the corner of the net.

At the interval the score remained even at 1-1.

SECOND HALF

The men's match was played at an extremely fast pace and Army fully deserved their 4-3 victory after taking a 1-0 and 3-1 lead.

While their defence played with their usual soundness and attacking brand of hockey, it was the brilliant form reached by their forward line yesterday that decided the issue.

That usual weakness of bunching together was yesterday conspicuous by its absence in the Army offence which swam into action on all five cylinders like a well-oiled machine.

The success of their open game was due largely to the excellent performance given by their two wings, Teyen and Homer, whose varied fast centres gave their inside-forwards ample room and opportunities to break through the defence.

Smith at centre-forward, although inclined to overdo his habit of flipping the ball when taking a pass and be frequently penalised for kicking, showed excellent stickwork and opportunism and was always dangerous.

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN**Shipbuilding Employers****Refuse To Give More Than A 5 p.c. Rise**

London, Apr. 4.

The long drawn out wages dispute in the engineering and shipbuilding industries has come to another head with the refusal of the employers to raise their offer of a five per cent increase already rejected by the Unions.

The employers have agreed to the unions' request for a further meeting to discuss the 15 per cent pay claim.

The union's decision to go to the Fitzroy yard of Messrs J. N. Miller & Sons Ltd. is the first to be powered by the Napier Deltic engine, designed and developed for the Navy. It takes the form of an opposed piston, two-stroke cycle engine and is constructed in triangular form with three crankshafts. This engine will develop 2,500 shp at 2,000 rpm and one striking feature, it is claimed, is that the engine and reverse gear weigh only 10,600 lb, giving one hp for every 4.2 lb of its weight. This is believed to be the best power/weight ratio ever achieved in a marine diesel engine.

A prototype apparatus for measuring the speed of vessels on trials by means of radar has been developed by the British Shipbuilding Research Association. Object of the equipment is to measure ships' speed when fog obscures the short mile posts and prevents speed measurement by the normal measured-mile method. The results are said to have been satisfactory.

GAS TURBINE

Meanwhile, reports from Norway say that several orders placed in UK shipyards by Norwegian owners have been cancelled during the past 12 months. These include a motor cargo vessel of 7,600 tons for the Bergen Steamship Company; an 18,000 tons tanker for the Thor Thoresen Co. of Oslo; a cargo motor vessel of 9,200 tons for A/S Borgesund, Porsgrunn; a cargo motor vessel of 9,400 tons for the Klosters Rederi A/S of Oslo and a 10,500-ton tanker for Mr Olav Ringdal of Oslo.

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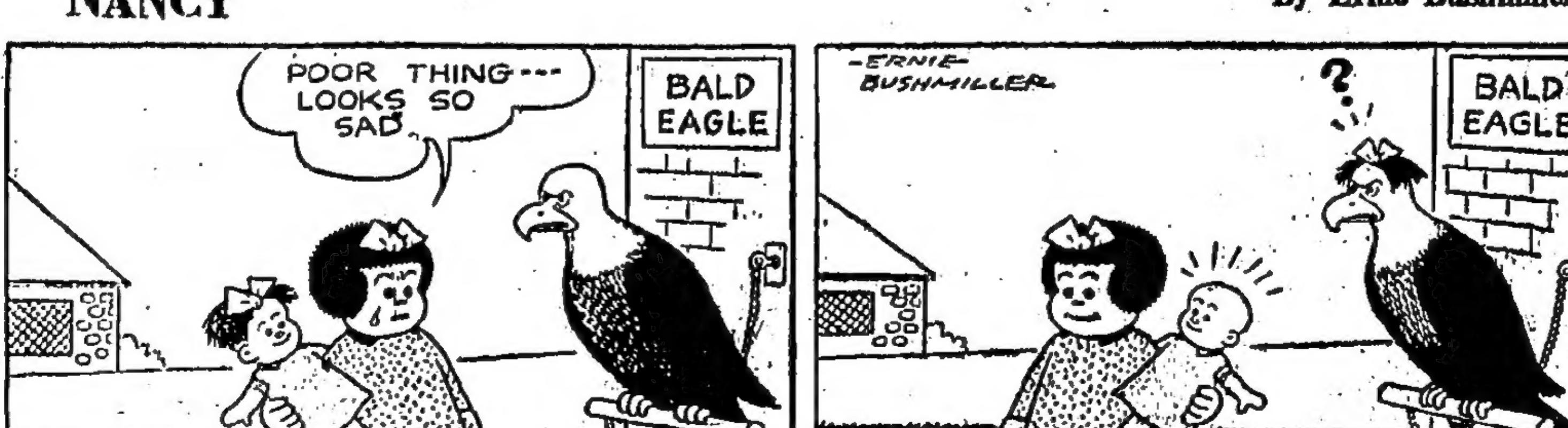
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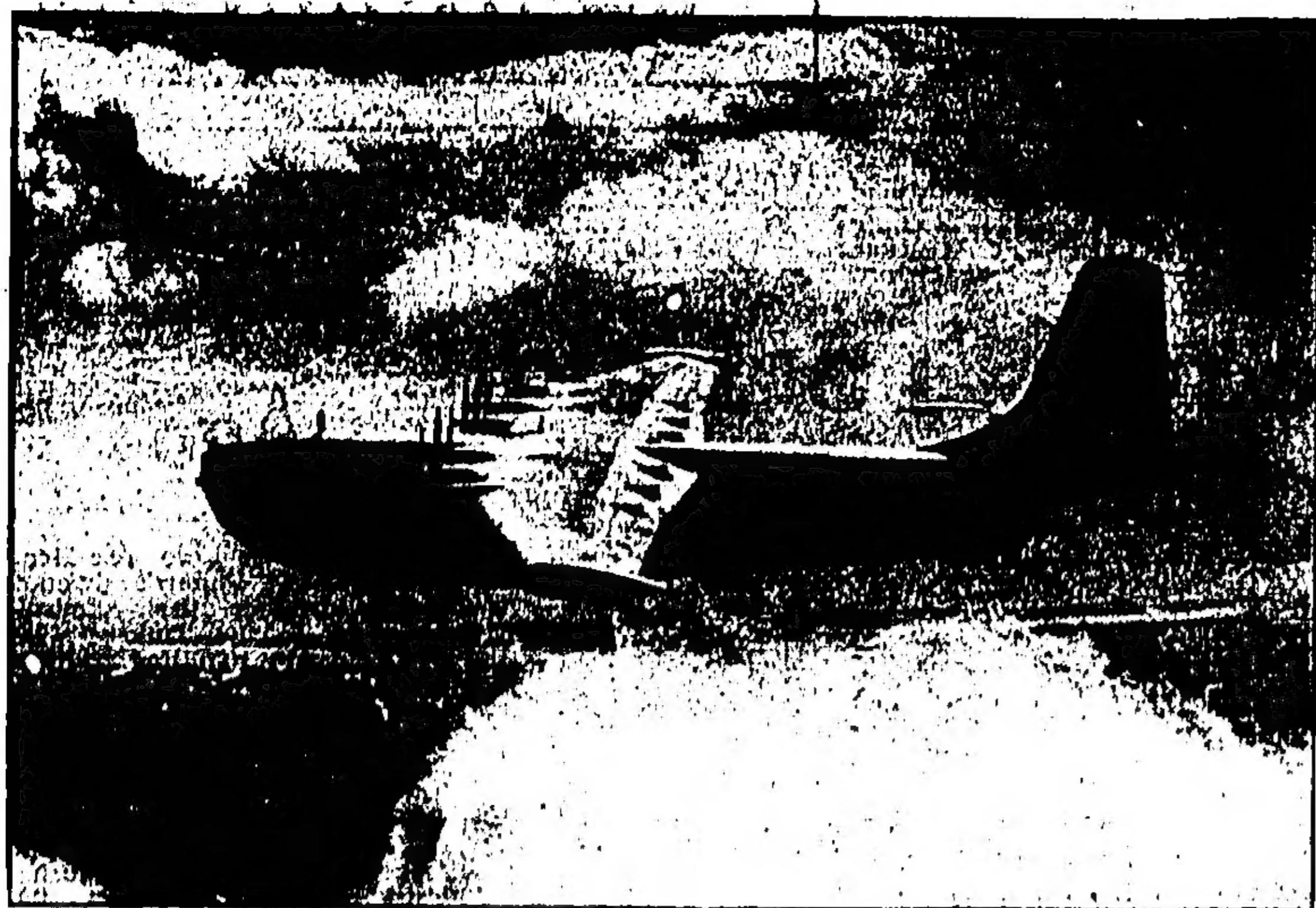
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140-ton "Princess" Flying Boat



This is a new picture of the Saunders-Roe "Princess" flying-boat, which weighs 140 tons fully loaded. It is powered by ten Bristol Proteus turboprop engines each of 3,500 h.p., plus 800 lbs jet thrust. It will carry 40 first-class and 65 tourist passengers at a time at 380 m.p.h. See story below for Saunders-Roe's new tank for testing models of its new seaplanes (S.B.A.C. photograph).

Latest Round-Up of Aviation News From Britain:

Even Artificial Waves In This Tank For Testing Model Seaplanes

This week's round-up of Aviation news from London tells you of a new kind flight simulator being developed by a British company, Air Trainers Ltd. Its chief virtue is that it is considerably cheaper than the complex electronic simulators produced by companies like Redifon, London. There is also an interesting item on the test flight of the British "jet" helicopter-aeroplane, the Fairey Gyrodyne which can land and take off vertically and fly in level flight at almost the same speed of a conventional propeller-driven aircraft. There is also an item about Saunders-Roe's giant tank for testing models of its new seaplanes.

An important step towards reducing the cost of training pilots is being taken by a British company which specialises in ground trainers to simulate instrument flying conditions.

Flight simulators are now an essential part of the training equipment of airlines and Air Forces all over the world, but because of the complex electronics required to simulate the performance of a modern aircraft they can cost up to £250,000 each.

A British company, Air Trainers Limited, believe that by adopting a new approach it may be possible to cut the cost to at least one fifth of this figure.

The company has considerable experience of building electronic trainers for the Royal Air Force and British European Airways, but it believes there is a limit to the amount of money operators can afford to invest in complex machines.

Its proposal is to switch from the electronically operated simulator to a mechanically operated design which, while having the same basic characteristics and appearance, is inherently simpler.

Air Trainers also believe that their mechanical computer mechanism will cut maintenance costs and can be put into production much more quickly.

"Airliner" Built

To prove their point, Air Trainers have built as private venture a trainer based on a modern twin-engined airliner.

Airline operators throughout the world have been invited to Air Trainers' factory to try out this machine. It has already been tried by several airlines, and the interest which it has created is considerable. This machine is known as a Type Trainer, and is called the AT110.

Besides turning from electronic to mechanical operation, which immediately reduces complexity, the designers of the AT110 believe that the electronic simulator of today embodies far too many detailed aircraft characteristics.

They claim that such features as the exact noise of a particular type of engine reproduced perfectly to the correct pitch and volume under all conditions is unnecessary.

Accordingly, an engine noise is introduced which varies with pitch and volume, but it is not tuned particularly to the noise and volume of the particular aircraft simulated.

Basic Needs

Air Trainers believe that the design of a flight simulator should be limited to what is necessary to familiarise a pilot with a new type of aircraft. The guiding principle should not be to build a piece of equipment which does everything but fly, but equipment which will reproduce all three things with which a pilot finds difficulty when converting one type of aircraft to another.

This will involve complete cockpit simulation and this is done on the AT110, but the performance of the particular aircraft in a slow roll or a loop is considered unnecessary and these features are left out.

One of the basic features, therefore, of Air Trainers' twin-engined Type Trainer, the AT110, is that it is limited to pitch movement of plus 30° and minus 45°, and bank movement up to plus or minus 88°. The designers believe that this is quite sufficient for airline use and that to have full freedom through 360° in pitch and roll on a simulator used for multi-engined aircraft for airline operation is entirely unnecessary.

The purpose of the tank is to enable designers to measure the performance of the models towards the American synthetic rubber industry and its own embryo counterpart.

Within the past week, three of Britain's biggest industrial

plants have features which would delight every small boy who has played with toy boats in his bath—it even has artificial wave-makers capable of producing a storm at sea.

The tank is part of the extensive research facilities of Saunders-Roe, designers of the Princess flying boat.

The models are launched by a catapult from one end of the tank, which is 610 ft. long. The plane's altitude, speed, and rate of descent can be varied so as to make the model touch down on the water exactly as required.

Actual speeds of up to 100 m.p.h. are possible. Over 2,600 launches have so far been made with various models.

Storm At Sea

At the far end of the tank is a powerful wave-maker, able to create a series of regular waves which travel down the tank, so the model planes can be tested in regular swell or head seas.

At the side of the tank is another wave-maker, operated by hand, which can be used to produce a cross sea.

The two wave-makers work together to produce a sea which designers describe as of "fearless proportions," when the scale of the model is taken into account.

A number of different methods are used to measure the performance of the models. Films are taken (at rates of 64 frames a second), special observers make visual estimates, and instruments are set up inside the models themselves.

Accelerometers (instruments which measure rates of acceleration) and pressure gauges are fitted.

Tank tests have also been made with conventional land-planes to test their performance. They should have to be ditched at sea in an emergency.

The Jet Gyrodyne itself will not go into production, but it paves the way for the bigger Fairey Gyrodyne which is to be powered by two Napier Eland turboprop engines.

British Commonwealth

The Royal Navy has put into service its first squadron of Sea Venoms at weather. It fighters, it was announced recently. Numbered Squadron 800, it succeeds the unit which flew Wildcats in the North Atlantic and Meditteranean in World War II.

TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

Britain Starts Her Synthetic Rubber Industry

From Our Correspondent in London

The chemical industry is a friend or foe, depending on one's viewpoint. Its genius for substituting a synthetic material for a natural product antagonises one section of the population at the same time as it benefits another.

But no one has really explained why nylon, for example, is an undiluted blessing while synthetic rubber is a dastardly encroachment on the natural product's rightful field.

The controversy has reigned since the end of the war. Basically, it is an extension of the dollar problem. Natural rubber is the Commonwealth's biggest dollar earner. But its supremacy is now disputed. While the Malayan rubber plantations stood idle during the war, America built up an industry which miraculously filled the gap caused by the loss to the Allies of practically all the world's natural rubber resources.

After the war, rubber plantations were gradually brought back into production. But when they had beaten back the jungle, the planters found themselves face to face with a new threat. Synthetic rubber, a powerful war-time ally, had become a peace-time menace.

The British public saw this threat primarily as a loss of dollars—by now the most sought-after commodity in the world—and felt vaguely uneasy. And word began to go round that synthetic rubber was vastly inferior to the "stuff that grew on trees."

The planters, however, know better. For some purposes, the synthetic material is inferior to natural; but for others, it is better. What they complain of is that their product is not allowed to compete on equal terms with the newcomer in the fields of manufacture for which both materials are equally suited.

Their complaint is based on the fact that the Government-owned American synthetic rubber industry is not run on strictly commercial lines. If it had to pay income tax like any other industry, it would have to raise the price of its products—or go bankrupt. But it is excused this liability, a fact which seriously alarms the natural rubber industry and gives rise to its claim that it is being unfairly treated.

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This explains the difference between the British attitude towards the American synthetic rubber industry and its own embryo counterpart.

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"One-Sided Trade" With Japan Attacked

Winnipeg, April 4.—The Secretary of the Manitoba Farmers' Union, Mr. J. N. Galonsky, said today Canadian trade with Japan was ridiculous one-sided, at the expense of Prairie farmers.

"We used to complain of the subsidisation of synthetic rubber in the United States, and it would indeed be paradoxical if we ever incurred the same criticism inside our own country," he said.

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DEMAND RETURNS

These words will reassure the Malayan planters. But their present troubles are not due to competition from synthetic rubber. Now that the price of natural rubber has been forced into line with that of synthetic, more of it is being sold in America. The ratio of natural to synthetic rubber consumption in that country is now about 50:50.

But one problem has been ameliorated only to give rise to another. For the drop in price has so reduced profit-margins that many plantations are being hard put to finance essential replanting programmes. And with "topped" wages now only 10 per cent of what they were, labour on the plantations is becoming relatively expensive.

Not unnaturally, in these circumstances, the Malayan planters have turned their attention to the immediate cause of their troubles: high taxation.

In 1953 Japan spent about \$10,000,000 in Canada while this country only purchased about \$15,000,000 of Japanese goods. In return he said.

"No country should be expected to carry on with a one-sided trade. They will look for a market where they can obtain better judgement and Western farmers will be left with nothing but a hole in their pocket," he said.

Sir John Hoy, chairman of the Guthrie group of rubber companies, has declared that it is no use the British and Malayan Governments combining to impose a ban on oil imports. It is rather a question of whether they can afford to continue taxes at a level which would permanently damage the competitive advantage of Malaya's rubber industry and imperil the whole economy of the country.

New Type of Plastic

New York, April 4.—A few types of phenolic plastic for moulding which will speed up production of parts for cars, appliances, cameras and other products was announced today by the Bakelite Co.

Bakelite named its multi-purpose plastic "BMO-5000."

It saves 22 per cent in the cutting time of a washing machine roller, for instance, the Company said. —United Press.

Budget Speculation Causes Boom In UK Shares

From Our Correspondent

London, April 4.—Boom conditions returned to the London Stock Exchange last week. The optimistic tone of the economic survey and the final budget outturn sent spirits soaring and prices followed in their wake.

Everyone now expects good news in the budget on Tuesday. Even before the Economic Survey was published many people were inclined to take a more optimistic view of prospects than would have seemed justified only a few weeks ago. The survey dispelled the last reasonable doubt.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, April 4.—Stock prices were up in most sections of the market this week in view of a new optimism for the market, generated by a brightening outlook for business.

The advance was marred only by routine profit-taking.

Businessmen look for the law shortly to stimulate buying. There were forecasts from many quarters that the worst of the recession is over, and that business will improve by mid-summer.

This optimism was translated into a demand for stocks which lifted industrials to the highest levels since October 22, 1929 and even provided a point with activity.

The carriers, consistent laggards, are the main flow in the market picture as many in Wall Street see it. They softened on Friday but closed with small gains.

Volume passed the 2,000,000-share mark in three of the five sessions. Total turnover of 10,785,430 shares compared with 9,167,404 last week and was the heaviest since October 27, 1951.

Aircraft provided a feature. They closed with rises ranging to 5 1/4 points in Boeing, 3 1/4 in Glenn Martin, 2 3/4 in Douglas.

General Electric moved up 7 points, Westinghouse 3 1/4. These companies are leaders in the atomic field and are major appliance producers as well.

Meanwhile an item of news of first-rate importance to the Stock Exchange gave investors another hot tailing point. By a seven to one majority a special committee appointed by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, recommended that this shall not be done.

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Steel stocks got a boost on predictions of a better second quarter as consumers increased purchases to replenish inventories.

Non-ferrous metals strengthened as metal prices climbed and the Government announced higher stockpile target figures.

Motor stocks reflected manufacturers' plans for an increased output in the second quarter. Oils had numerous strong spots.

Issues in all groups made new "highs" for the year. Of 1,425 issues traded, 916 were higher on the week, with 331 setting new "highs." Only 321 declined, 47 to new lows.—United Press.

"BLUE CHIPS" SOUGHT

London, April 4.—Measured by the Financial Times' well-known index, British industrial shares closed the week at the highest level they have ever known. The index closed at 140.8 compared with its previous all-time peak of 140.6 on January 17, 1947.

But 1947 was very different. That was the part of the Dalton "cheap money" era and the nationalisation of the Bank of England, the coal mines and the railways had poured millions of ousted money back into the market; today cheap money and nationalisation are both officially rejected.

"Blue chips" broke into a run up to the peak this week. Lancashire Cotton rose 4 shillings, Woolworths 3/6, Ford Motors and Unilever 2/6; Imperial Chemicals, Vickers and many others gained shillings or more.

Behaviour of oil shares was disorderly but by the close Royal Dutch had gained 18/9 to £43 1/2 (recent peak was 44). Anglo-Iranian rose 10/7 1/2 to 230/- compared with its peak of 233/9. Shell rose almost 1/- and Burmah, 5/2.

Government issues were good with the support of industrial buying.

Gold shares had half-days of strength during the week but they never mustered a real following. Copper shares were good.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

London, April 4.—In the local foreign exchange market this morning the following rates: U.S. dollar (per £1) 1.77; Canadian dollar (per £1) 1.76; Australian dollar (per £1) 1.76; Siam (baht) (per £1) 1.76; Singapore (straits) (per £1) 1.76; Indo-China piastres (per £1) 1.76.

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COMMUNISTS UP AGAINST IT IN RUMANIA

Washington, Apr. 4.
The Senate Foreign Relations Committee reported today in a staff survey that "an acute state of tension" exists within the government of Communist-dominated Rumania.

But it added, "There is little likelihood of a successful explosion so long as the Russian colossus stands firm."

The study, prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, said most Rumanian officials and many Communist Party leaders actually were the "bitter enemies" of the Moscow-designated ruling clique in Rumania.

For Bikini Victims

The Only Known Cure Is Dangerous

Tokyo, Apr. 4.
A Japanese doctor treating 23 fishermen exposed to the Bikini hydrogen bomb explosion said today that radioactive elements have lodged in the bones, liver and kidneys of the victims and the only known cure is dangerous.

Dr. Masanori Nakazumi, top radiation specialist at Tokyo University, told a group of Japanese scientists that the best known way to clean out the radiation elements also destroys body-building calcium.

He said, however, that blood transfusions and the use of antigens might help offset the effects of the drug used to draw radiation particles from body organs.

Large amounts of radioactive elements were found in the bones and organs of the 23 Japanese fishermen who were burned by the hydrogen bomb's heat near Bikini Island on March 1, he said.

Dr. Nakazumi said his patients had symptoms unlike those of victims of the atomic bomb explosions at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Radiation from those explosions did not reach the vital organs, he said.

The fishing boat, Fukuryu Maru, which carried the 23 seamen at the time of the explosion, has absorbed so much radioactive material that it will not be safe for three or four years, he said.

Dr. Nakazumi also said the fishermen's condition will probably get worse.

Meanwhile, Japanese Government officials were to meet and decide how much money they will ask from the US as compensation for the effects of the hydrogen test.

Some sources believed the amount may run as high as \$8,000,000.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6. Time Signal and Program Summary: 0.03, Children's Half Hour presented by Sally Anne, 1.00, "The Story of the Tale of the Deep Woodlanders," by Euston Trevor Episode 1 (BBCTS); 4.30, Cantoneer Radio Lesson 19, presented by Mr. Lee Anderson; 6.45, "Song Writing" (Recorded); 6.45, "Box 200" Bert Gallet at the Organ (OB); 7. Composer Competition—Gentlemen's 7.30, "Viewpoint"; Weekly Magazine Program devoted to Literature, Drama and the Cinema, Edited and Introduced by Donald Brooks; 8.00, "Heavyweight" (Recorded); "Some Reflections on the Cinema" by Rene Clair "Talking it over"; Mary Vaick, Timothee Bird and Bryn Jones discuss their approach to Literary and Dramatic Criticism; 7.50, Weather Report; 8. Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 8.00, "The Story of the Chinese Memorial Field, Hongkong" by His Excellency the Governor Sir Alexander Grantham G.C.M.G. (Conducted); 8.30, Young People's Concerto; 8.30, "Open Window" in "The Black Museum" No. 3 in the Series of Programmes Based on the Records of the G.I.A. Scotland Yard Episode 3; "The Jack Islands"; 8.30, Time Signal, "Out of the Mayoral Bag" Billy Mayerl and Rhythm Ensemble; 9.00, "Coco Biscuits," A Feature Programme written and produced by Anthony Brown Produced by R.D. Smith (BBCTS); 9.45, Concerto; 10.00, "The D flat Major Op. 10 for Piano and Orchestra" (Recorded); 10.30, Andre Gide (Piano) and Lamoureux Orch. cond by Jean Martinon; 10.45, "Take it from here" with Paul Carré, Dick Denney and Jimmy Edwards Repeat of last Thursday's Broadcast (BBCTS); 10.30, "The Story of the Chinese Memorial Field, Hongkong" by His Excellency the Governor Sir Alexander Grantham G.C.M.G. (Conducted); 10.30, "Weather Report"; 11.00, "Time Signal, Radio News Read (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music, God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close down.

Charged With Stealing Whisky

Four British soldiers appeared before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning charged with stealing a bottle of whisky at Victor's Restaurant on April 3. The whisky was the property of Jack Condon.

The four defendants, James Mills, Pie Knowles, Pie McEwan, all of the RAMC, and Gnr John Gourlay Dykes, of the 34 HAA RA, were remanded for 48 hours in Military Custody.

French Forces Win First Round

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by road or rail to Hanoi to airlift the troops to the Thai country fortress 180 miles west.

Vietminh units were active in some parts of the rice-bowl area. Vietminh troops surprised a light Vietnamese battalion near Phat Diem, the Catholic capital 75 miles southeast of Hanoi.

He had also pointed out that two horses could not be ridden by one person at the same time because as Mr M. A. Uboghs (Manager of defendant bank) had said that the obligation in respect of margins did not arise until the first obligation under the red form had been implemented. Mr McNeill said.

Beginning Of New Romance?



Final Submissions In Deposit Claim

Final submissions by Mr John McNeill, QC, Senior Counsel for the plaintiffs in the \$2½-million deposit claim against the Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger (Extreme-Orient) of Edinburgh House began this morning when the case resumed before Mr Justice Reynolds in the Supreme Court.

Mr McNeill said that having heard the evidence given by witnesses for the defendants and having cross-examined them himself or by his learned junior, Mr Percy Chen, he had come to the conclusion that it was unnecessary for the plaintiffs to adduce any evidence and that he was going to address his Lordship on the defendants' case.

Mr McNeill said this morning that several days ago when he started to address his Lordship he had indicated what the position was when the action came to trial, i.e. "that we have made a claim in Hongkong dollars and we have pleaded that sum with the defendants as margin in respect of certain letters of credit."

After reading from the statements of claim and defence, Counsel said that it would be seen from the defence pleadings that thus far the defendant bank had agreed that plaintiffs had deposited with them Hongkong dollars to the amount pleaded as margin against certain authorities to negotiate.

It was further stated by the Defence, Counsel went on, that the margins were security against failure to accept or pay drafts drawn against the particular authority to negotiate.

He was drawing his Lordship's attention particularly to that because it was strange, in view of their pleadings that the defendant bank, through its Counsel and its witness, had spent considerable time telling the Court something rather different. Mr McNeill said.

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"At any rate, it is admitted by the Defence that those Hongkong dollar margins have not been repaid," said Counsel.

He said that it was therefore admitted that the defendant bank was in the position of any bank when a deposit was made by a customer, of a debtor to that amount of Hongkong dollars, and that the plaintiffs were in the position of an unpaid creditor of the bank for that amount.

Unless defendant bank could substantiate one or more of its defences plaintiffs were entitled to judgment, Mr McNeill submitted.

Granting the application, his Lordship said that he had already indicated that he would be prepared to adjourn only on condition that the red form (forward exchange) contract was the only contract to be considered. Mr d'Almada had said in his opening address that wherever he had used the word "repaid" or a similar word it must be understood that he meant paid.

When he himself opened his address a few days ago, Mr McNeill said he had pointed out that what the defendants were trying to do was to ride on two horses at once—the red form contract being one horse, the margin agreement being the other horse.

He had also pointed out that two horses could not be ridden by one person at the same time because as Mr M. A. Uboghs (Manager of defendant bank) had said that the obligation in respect of margins did not arise until the first obligation under the red form had been implemented. Mr McNeill said.

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